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An adult eagle brings food to the nest at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. See the white head of the parent sitting on the nest.

## Md's Presidential Primary To be Held Tuesday, April 26

by James Giese

The Maryland Presidential primary is Tuesday and for a change Maryland voters might help decide who the Republican and Democratic candidates for president of the United States will be. Often, by the time Maryland votes, the races are decided. This time, while Donald Trump is in the lead on the Republican side and Hillary Clinton on the Democratic side, neither has sewn up their party's nomination. There is the potential on the Republican side that no candidate will secure enough votes to be nominated on the first ballot, in which case there could be an open convention where nobody knows what might happen. With only two candidates still in the race on the

Democratic side, the likelihood is that the nominee will be decided ahead of its convention. While Clinton is still expected to gain the nomination, challenger Bernie Sanders has a chance.

Since this is a party primary, only registered Republicans and Democrats will be permitted to vote and only for candidates in their party's primary contests. Besides the candidates for president, there are primaries for U.S. senator, representative and the election of four Maryland Circuit Court judges. Voters will also choose three party delegates and three alternates to the party national convention with the

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### Where Do I Vote?

Election Day for the 2016 Democratic and Republican Presidential Primary Elections is Tuesday, April 26. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters may be able to avoid delays by voting between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Five county polling places serve Greenbelt:

Precinct 3: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Precinct 6: Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road

Precinct 8: Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive

Precinct 13 : Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway

Precinct 18: Turning Point Academy, 7800 Good Luck Road

Only registered Democrats and Republicans may vote in the primaries next Tuesday. Greenbelters who have declined affiliation with the two major parties will vote only in the November General Election.

All voters eligible to vote in the primary should have received notification of the election and a reminder of their polling place after early voting closed. To verify registration or locate polling place, call the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or go to elections.state.md.us and click on "voter registration" or "Where do I vote?"

## Theater Operates at a Profit But also with Challenges

by Diane Oberg

After 11 months of operation, the Old Greenbelt Theatre is operating at a small profit and is not dependent upon city funding for operating expenses, although the city provides some transition funds for other expenses. Executive Director Caitlin McGrath sat down with the Greenbelt City Council and City Manager Michael McLaughlin on April 13 for the first of what should be an annual review.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT) has a 3-year contract with the city to operate the theater. McGrath, council and the city manager all expressed pleasure with how things are going with a general sense that the theater operations are exceeding initial expectations, although challenges still remain.

Since the theater reopened it is averaging more than \$3,700 per week in gross revenue. It has shown roughly 50 first-run films, not holding any for more than three weeks. To make better use of its single screen, it generally shows two films each week, plus any specialty showings such as family, cult classics, film noir and 35-mm archival films. In addition, roughly 4,000 patrons have attended free community events at the theater.

While most aspects of the operation are meeting expectations, McGrath said that they have been less successful with theater rentals. One issue is that the theater is not set up well for business conferences in terms of the technology in place. There is no podium available where speakers can plug in their laptops or other

devices. Instead, power point and other presentations must be run from the projection booth. McGrath said they do have a request in for a quote for the type of podium they envision.

There are also still physical problems with the theater. McGrath noted that having water from a roof leak drip onto patrons and being unable to adequately heat the theater in winter takes away from the first class experience they are trying to offer their patrons.

Working with the city, which as owner of the theater must approve all changes, FOGT is planning a Phase II of renovations. The renovations will be done in phases to avoid having to close for an extended time. Likely renovations include acoustic improvements, new seats (McGrath passed around fabric swatches and a brochure showing what is under consideration) and lowering and strengthening the stage.

There was also extended discussion of FOGT's marketing. They use a variety of approaches, such as offering free tickets at street festivals in exchange for attendees' email addresses, and are considering offering things such as sponsored free film series, lunch-and-a-movie programs and outreach to nearby retirement communities as well as special events such as a pajama night with a family-oriented movie and pizza, and catered dinner and movie events, possibly with beer and wine.

In developing their programs, FOGT must deal with certain

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## Who Will Replace Mikulski?

by James Giese

Greenbelt voters can help decide who will be the next U.S. Senator replacing retiring incumbent Barbara Mikulski. Polls indicate a close contest between two contenders for the Democratic nomination, both currently members of the U.S. Congress: Donna Edwards from Prince George's County and Chris Van Hollen from Montgomery County. And if neither of those candidates suits your fancy, eight other Democrats are running. Republican voters will have a list of 14 names from which to choose.

### Edwards

Born in Yanceyville, North Carolina, Edwards first worked for Lockheed Corporation at Goddard Space Flight Center following college. She obtained a law degree from the University of New Hampshire and then worked for advocacy groups and foundations, serving last as executive director of the Arca Foundation. After defeating 4th Congressional District Representative Albert Wynn in a 2008 primary, she was elected to that office

in a special election following Wynn's resignation, becoming the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress from Maryland.

Now in her fourth term, Edwards has been reelected even though her gerrymandered district was radically altered following the 2010 census. Originally the district encompassed Southern Prince Georges County, extending northward along the District of Columbia boundary to Montgomery County, where it further extended northward and included much of the upper part of that county. Following redistricting, her district lost Montgomery County, instead swinging around Greenbelt and across northern Prince George's County to incorporate large segments of Anne Arundel County. Edwards serves on two committees – Science, Space and Technology and Transportation and Infrastructure. (donnaedwardsforsenate.com)

### Van Hollen

Van Hollen was born in Karachi, Pakistan, of parents working

for the State Department. After obtaining degrees from Swarthmore and Harvard, he earned his law degree from Georgetown University. He worked as a staff aide to Senator Charles Mathias, the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer. Van Hollen served from 1991 through 2002 in the Maryland General Assembly, first in the House of Delegates and then in the Senate. He was then elected to the U. S. House of Representatives from Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, where he has served since 2003.

Like the Fourth District, the Eighth was significantly changed in the 2010 Census redistricting and now encompasses Montgomery County and parts of Carroll and Frederick. Van Hollen serves on the House Budget Committee and the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (vanhollen.org).

Other Democratic candidates

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, April 23

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

2 to 3 p.m., Children and Animals Safety Workshop, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

#### Monday, April 25

8 p.m., City Council Public Hearing on Budget followed by Regular Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.

#### Tuesday, April 26

3 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Municipal Building

7:00 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Meeting, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green Aces) and Green Team Meeting, Community Center

#### Wednesday, April 27

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession on Public Works, Capital Projects, Other Funds, Fund Transfers, Community Center

#### Thursday, April 28

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

#### Saturday, April 30

9 a.m. to noon, Shredding Day, Parking Lot Behind Credit Union

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Prescription Drug Take-back Day, Greenbelt Police Station



# Letters to the Editor

## A Picture Is Worth ....

Thanks for the article about the coming signs along Southway. I was wishing that one of Danny Kennedy’s vibrantly colored renditions of a Greenbelt home could be put up in place where the directional sign now stands.

We have three restaurants, one with performances, two gas stations, a library, a community center, two swimming pools, tennis courts, a volleyball court, baseball and football events, several churches, [and so much more]. We have a synagogue, a police station, an animal shelter, a public works building with [geo-thermal] heating ... and more. The nursery school, the elementary school... the senior independent living Green Ridge House and the skateboard park and all the wonderful walkways throughout the community.

Of course, we can’t put all this in a sign. But people coming down Southway for the first time should have some idea about our town’s truly fine diversity.

Folks are usually driving too fast to look at this sign while driving into our town. But they would catch one of Danny’s houses as they sailed by. And it would say, “Welcome to Greenbelt...a place that reveres artists, musicians, folks of every walk of life ... plus, we love our houses.”

It would state all this with no words – just a great painting.

And the painting would be protected by the glass or some kind of protective covering now existing on the directional sign.

Elizabeth Barber

## Stop the Development

On April 4, council held a worksession to meet with David Hillman, president of Southern Management Corporation (SMC) and owner of Lakeside North Apartments, to discuss SMC’s proposal to build a 25-story, 400-unit luxury high rise apartment complex adjacent to the existing apartments. Hillman conceded that SMC would not fight opposition to the proposed development. We contend that the purpose of the worksession was concealed to

prevent the public from expressing opposition.

The meeting was advertised in the March 31 edition of the Greenbelt News Review as a council worksession with Lakeside North Apartments. A purpose for the meeting was not provided, leaving the impression the work session would relate to the existing apartments, not a proposal for new, high density development.

We learned of the purpose of the worksession when viewing a recording of it. We learned that Mayor Emmett Jordan brought the proposal before council. According to Councilmember Judith Davis, Jordan, without the other members of council present, met with Southern Management prior to the April 4 worksession.

According to Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, there are compatibility issues with the proposed development. Craze pointed out that the proposed development is typical of dense urban properties. The proposed development would be on five acres of beautiful, currently wooded land. According to Councilmember Rodney Roberts, the development would destroy the ecosystem there and is inappropriate for Greenbelt. The other councilmembers expressed support for the proposed development and even encouraged Hillman to consider similar proposals for other areas of Greenbelt; these other members did this without first consulting with the Greenbelt public.

We believe council showed poor judgment by not being more transparent about the true purpose of the worksession. We demand to know why Mayor Jordan met secretly with SMC, when the meeting took place, who attended and what was said. Council should hold a public meeting to discuss the development.

Brian Almquist

*Editor's Note:* City Manager Michael McLaughlin responded to questions from the News Review as follows:

Mayor Jordan and I met with Mr. Hillman and Arthur Horne, Mr. Hillman’s attorney on February 23, 2016 at Mr. Horne’s request. A summary of the meeting was provided to the City

Council on February 26 as part of their weekly report. The summary noted that a worksession would be set for all of Council to be briefed. At the February 23 meeting, they presented the same proposal they presented at the worksession on April 4.

Michael McLaughlin  
City Manager

## Correction

The Alvin Hargrave headline in the April 14 issue (Page 9) states that the defendant received a 16-year sentence for murder. As the story demonstrates, however, the headline should have read manslaughter. The News Review regrets the error.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

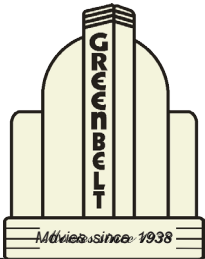
Friday, April 22, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 25, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Tuesday, April 26, 8:30 a.m., Yard Lines Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Board Room.



Old Greenbelt Theatre  
129 Centerway  
301-329-2034  
www.greenbelttheatre.org

Adults \$9  
Senior/Student \$8, Kids \$6  
Members receive a \$1 discount on all shows after 5:00 PM  
All shows before 5 PM:  
Adults \$7, Kids \$5  
OC = Open Captions  
CC = Closed Captions

SHOWTIMES  
Apr 22 – Apr 28

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(R) (96 m.) (CCAP)  
Fri.-Sun. 3:15 PM, 8:00 PM  
Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 PM

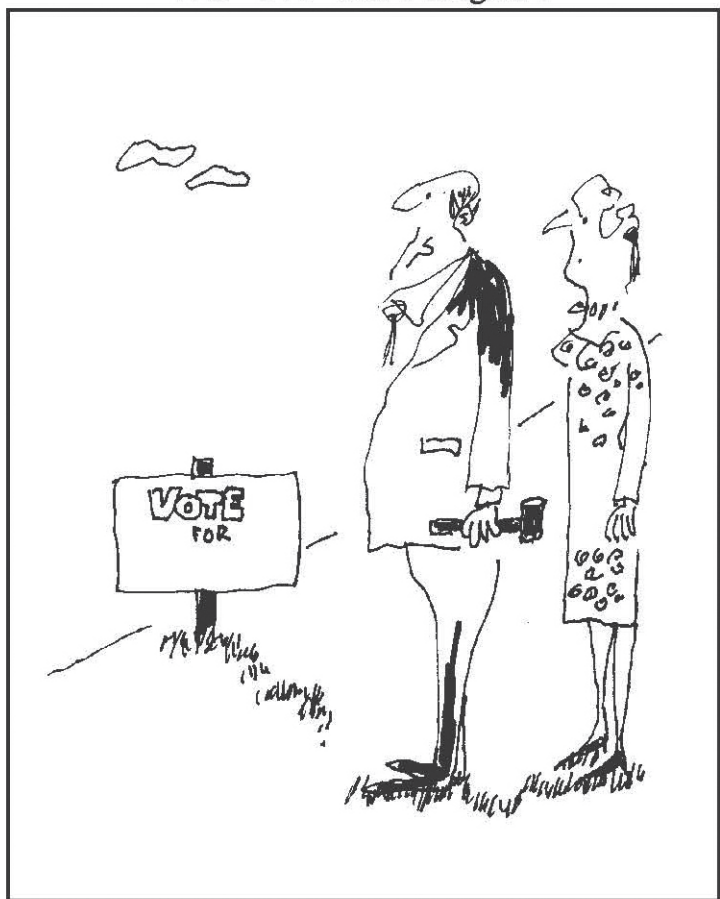
MARGUERITE  
(R) (129 m.)  
Fri.-Thurs. 5:30 PM

RAMS (R) (93 m.)  
Fri.-Sun. 1:00 PM  
Wed. 1:00 PM

Cult Series:  
THE ROCKY HORROR  
PICTURE SHOW  
(1975) (R) (101 m.)  
Featuring Satanic  
Mechanics Shadowcast!  
Fri. 11:00 PM

Family Series:  
THE IRON GIANT (1999)  
(PG) (94 m.)  
Sat. 11:00 AM

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I support the undecided voter . . ."



The Greenbelt  
Grasshopper

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Kids' Section  
on page 11.

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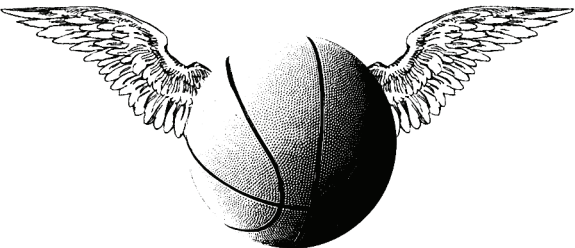
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.



## EXPLORE YOUR GREENBELT GREENBELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



## Experience Greenbelt with community athletics!

What: Four-time championship winners, The Lady's Angels women's basketball team, has challenged the City of Greenbelt employees to a game  
When: Saturday, April 30 from 3 to 6 PM  
Where: Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt  
Why: To raise funds to enable the Lady Angels to win again this year  
Cost: There is no ticket price, but donations are welcome!

The audience can win prizes with selfies. No purchase is necessary!

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# Community Events

## Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

## Studio Space Available At Community Center

Local artists, artisans and designers who are interested in a studio space based in the Community Center may apply now. Applications are invited through May 1 for the department's Artist-in-residence Program, which provides affordable 24-hour studio space in an atmosphere of mutual support. At least one space will be available for a ceramic artist and one space for a practitioner of another medium.

Participants are selected for the program based on their artwork, professional qualifications and interest in community involvement. Eight artists are currently participating, sharing three sub-divided, light-filled former classrooms. Current artists represent a diverse array of media including ceramic art tile, functional pottery, art quilts, costume design, assemblage, painting and cut paper illustration.

The Community Center houses a contemporary art gallery, dance studio, television production studio, arts education classrooms and many other amenities.

Apply online at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) after scheduling a studio tour by April 27. For assistance, contact Nicole DeWald at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-397-2208.

## Greenbelt Theatre Will Be Film Repository

On Tuesday, April 19, the Old Greenbelt Theatre received delivery of thousands of reel-to-reel films from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. This partnership sprung from the temporary closure of the New Carrollton branch, which served as the system storage facility. The library system had kept all of the reel-to-reel films that had been the audiovisual collection at the Hyattsville branch in storage since the collection morphed into a DVD-only collection years ago.

The theatre will become the new guardian of these films, some of which are quite rare. This will also be the beginning of a long-term partnership that will see the theatre presenting film-related programming in the New Carrollton branch when it reopens and possibly at other branches prior to that time.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 25 are as follows:

Monday, April 25: Grape juice, baked meatballs with marinara sauce, whole grain spaghetti, Capri vegetables, Italian bread, ambrosia.

Tuesday, April 26: Apple juice, rotisserie chicken, cut yams, broccoli, wheat roll, tropical fruit.

Wednesday, April 27: Grape juice, potato soup with crackers, fish sandwich, mixed green salad with French dressing, fresh fruit.

Thursday, April 28: Orange juice, beef tortellini, kale, garlic bread stick, hot spiced fruit.

Friday, April 29: Cranberry juice, pork roast with Dijon herb sauce, whipped potatoes, green bean casserole, wheat bread, fresh fruit.

## Greenbelt Park Events

On Sunday, April 24 the Greenbelt Park campground offers The Birth of Mission 66. Go back in time to 1966 and celebrate the 50th birthday of the National Park Service and the first year of the Greenbelt Park campground. Campground guests and the public are welcome under the stars at the Campfire Circle for a traditional NPS campfire program at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 23 will be Untold Stories of the National Parks. A ranger will reflect the significant connections and contributions the Buffalo Soldiers had with the national parks. Meet at the Ranger Station Breezeway at 11 a.m.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road. More information is available at [nps.gov/gree](http://nps.gov/gree).

## Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation Meeting

Join a growing community of Greenbelters who are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of dollars. Earn hours by providing services to others and spend the hours to receive services in return. Use your talents to help your neighbors, get your own needs met and build a stronger community.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold an orientation meeting on Tuesday, April 26 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Greenbelt MakerSpace. For more information, call 240-473-3497.

## Shredding Day Set for April 30

Shredding Day is scheduled for April 30 from 9 a.m. until noon (or until the truck is full). Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, the service will accept personal papers only. The truck will be located in the parking lot behind the Credit Union. Shredders will not accept any binders, magazines, newspapers, hanging file folders, cardboard or FedEx envelopes. Unattended paper will not be shredded and there is a five-box maximum. For more information, visit [greenbeltfcu.com](http://greenbeltfcu.com) or 301-474-5900.

## Earth Day Cleanup At Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, April 30 join the Student Conservation Association (SCA) for Earth Day to give back to D.C.'s public lands and help preserve Greenbelt Park. In support of the Find Your Park campaign, SCA is mobilizing volunteers coast to coast in celebration of the National Park Service Centennial.

Sign up at [findyourparkscadec.eventbrite.com](http://findyourparkscadec.eventbrite.com) to complete the online waiver. For questions or more information contact Roland Richardson, SCA Events Coordinator, at [rrichardson@thesca.org](mailto:rrichardson@thesca.org) or 202-631-2717.



More Community Events  
are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, April 24th & Wednesday, April 27th  
Beginning at 8 PM

“Fire Below Us”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)  
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

## Greenbelt Arts Center 4-1/2 Stars!

### ENCHANTED APRIL



by Matthew Barber  
directed by Pauline Griller-Michell  
April 22 - 30

Friday and Saturday at 8:00  
Last Sunday Matinee: April 24 at 2:00  
Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,  
\$16 Students/Seniors/Military,  
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

### COMING SOON

Celtic Concert – May 7  
KinK – May 20 – 29  
The Hollow – June 17 – 26  
The Eaton Woman – July 8 – 17

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or  
email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

## Promote Zero Waste At the Green Man

The Zero Waste Circle of Greenbelt will be helping to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill at the Green Man Festival, May 7 and 8 and is seeking volunteers who would like to help at zero waste stations, at the group's booth and for many other tasks. Service hours are available to students. To sign up, go to Sign Up Genius at [signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-zero](http://signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-zero) or contact Tom Taylor at [tomtaylor0401@gmail.com](mailto:tomtaylor0401@gmail.com) or 301-513-9524 or Susan Barnett at [susnbarn@earthlink.net](mailto:susnbarn@earthlink.net) or 301-474-7465.

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[www.academy8theaters.com](http://www.academy8theaters.com)

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\*\* Add \$2.00 for 3-D  
\* Not part of the morning and Tuesday  
discount shows  
Most features are \$5.50 all day on  
Tuesdays

### Week of April 22

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

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The Jungle Book, 3D\*\*, PG  
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The Jungle Book, 2D, PG  
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The Huntsman: Winters War,  
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Batman vs. Superman, PG13  
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#### SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY

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#### THURSDAY

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Ratchet and Clank, PG  
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Criminal, R  
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11:55, 3:15

Mishkan Torah's Annual Jewelry Sale  
Sunday, May 1st, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Come Look! Find Bargains! Have Fun!  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD  
[www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org) 301-474-4223

## Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204  
[www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) • Studio: 301-507-6581

### Free and Open to the Public GATe Orientation

Saturday, May 7th from 10-12:30PM in the GATe Studio

### Members Only

Canon Camera Class - \$\$

Saturday, May 21st, 10-4:30 PM

Reserve a seat at [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

For more information, visit the GATe website or e-mail  
[greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 by  
visiting [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) and click on "Channel"



# Astronomy Society Invites the City, Neighbor Communities to Star Parties

by Jack Chavez

*This article is part of a periodic series profiling the city's recognition groups and how they serve the city.*

One does not have to travel far to experience a night of stargazing with knowledgeable, friendly people. The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) regularly welcomes the public to what they call “star parties” year-round.

The group, founded in 1992, sets up these meetings at the Greenbelt Observatory, located off the end of Northway, only a couple hundred yards from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The observatory is equipped with a 1981 Model C14 telescope that was donated by Montgomery College in 2001. The observatory itself is owned by the City of Greenbelt.

“[With the telescope] we can see planetary nebulas, supernovas, and galaxies,” said Observatory Committee Chairman Conrad Terrill. To get the most out of the observatory, the group often uses a MallinCam, a camera built for astronomical observation that is capable of seeing objects tens of millions of lightyears away.

It wouldn’t be a stretch to assume that Greenbelt—less than 10 miles northeast of Washington and less than 30 miles south of Baltimore—would not be an ideal spot for astronomical observation, but it’s still possible to see quite a lot from here. The observatory is located in what Terrill described as the darkest part of Greenbelt.

“The trees help cut down on lights from the city and traffic,” said Michael Chesnes, who works at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

### Accessibility

The ASG also prides itself on its accessibility to the public. The star parties are free of charge, and everyone from the seasoned and experienced to the total novice is encouraged to attend.

“There is a strong community element [to the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt],” Chesnes said. “This is an outreach program, to be shared and enjoyed by everyone.” True to their intention, the star parties are a more intimate and casual experience than what large, paid programs can offer.

“I was very curious to come out,” Casey Kohnhorst of Brentwood said. “Everyone is extremely friendly and open to answering questions.”

“I like the relaxed atmosphere,” first-timer Lauren Stevens of Mount Rainier said. “I don’t feel judged asking simple questions.”

The next star party will take place at the Greenbelt Observatory on April 30 at 9 p.m.

*Jack Chavez is a University of Maryland student writing for the News Review.*



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

The Greenbelt Observatory is located at Northway Fields.

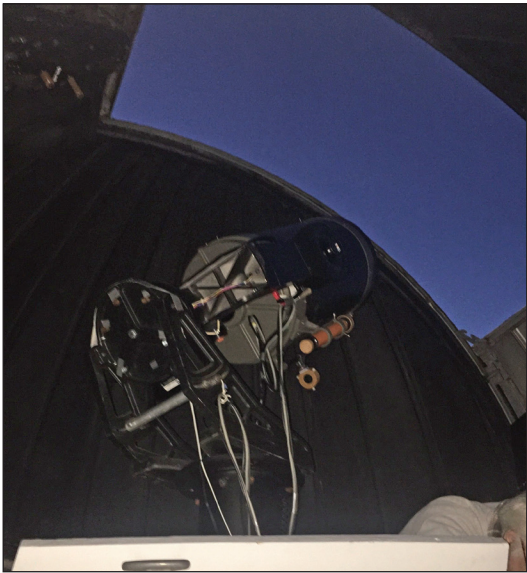


PHOTO BY JACK CHAVEZ

The 1981 Model C14 Celestas Telescope inside the observatory was donated by Montgomery College in 2001.



Donald C. Davis died on April 10 at the age of 86, having lived about 60 years of his life in Greenbelt. Condolences to daughter Sandy Roos of Ellicott City, who grew up in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to the Magnolia Elementary School Science Bowl Team county champions. This is the second time Magnolia

has taken the elementary school county title. The first was in 2010.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho



PHOTO BY DONALD NAVARROSA

Magnolia Elementary School Science Bowl Team county champions: (front row) Keon Groves, Kobe Marshall, Dustin Navarrossa; second row Science Bowl Host Dave Zahren, Magnolia Elementary School Dr. Phyllis Gillens, Coach Robert Allen and alternative Briana Adams.



**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Join us for breakfast Sunday 8:30.



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3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)  
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
April 24 10 a.m.  
"Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change"  
Paula Palmer, Director, Toward Right Relationship Project, Boulder Friends Meeting; The Reverend Evan Keely, Interim Minister; Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate; and Dayna Edwards, Director, Multigenerational Religious Exploration.  
*The United Nations provides avenues for Indigenous Peoples to seek justice, defend their rights, and pursue development goals in keeping with their values, beliefs, and traditions.*





**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor





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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223  
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Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Educational programs for children K–12 and for adults.  
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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**  
MASS  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.



**OPEN MIC**  
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH  
ENJOYING BEAUTY  
5-6-2016  
OPEN SIGN-UP  
7:00PM  
101 Greenhill Rd  
Greenbelt Baptist Church  
301-474-4212

Join us for our Open Mic Night  
Come enjoy a night of local talent.



Events at MakerSpace

Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it’s time for the first festival of the year in Roosevelt Plaza: Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire.

Sunday, the space will be open but a bit messy while we recover from Saturday.

Tuesday, April 26, the Greenbelt Time Bank will be holding an orientation from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27, Junior Legos returns from 4 to 5 p.m. Class size is limited for 5- to 8-year-olds working on Lego building challenges. Knit Night for knitters, crocheters and other fiber enthusiasts is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 28, there is one spot left in the Lego Robotics Programming workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. Some experience is required. Coder Dojo continues from 7 to 8 p.m. where kids ages 9 to 14 are working on game design programming.

Experience North Tract on a Bicycle

On Saturday, April 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. those age 10 and over can enjoy a pleasant family-oriented bicycle outing on the North Tract of the Patuxent Refuge and experience the beauty of this natural area on two wheels. Discover local wildlife, plants and historical sites. Learn the importance of reducing a footprint and leaving no trace on this five-mile guided bicycle ride.

Bring a bike (wide-tire hybrid and mountain bikes only – narrow-tire road bikes are not suitable for several of the trails), water bottle and helmet. The ride is weather dependent.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

Public School Dance Film at UMD

On Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m., PS Dance, Dance Education in Public Schools, will be shown at Leah M. Smith Hall at the University of Maryland.

The free screening of this New York Emmy-nominated documentary film about dance education in public schools will be followed by a panel discussion with filmmaker Nel Shelby, composer Bob Novak and Jody Gottfried Arnold and Ken Sczesz of the Maryland State Department of Education.

Space is limited; reserve a space online at PSDance.Event-Brite.com. For more information visit psdancenyc.com. Email other questions to jbgraham@umd.edu.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Monday, April 25, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
  - State Comptroller Peter Franchot
  - Prince George's County Public Schools Science Bowl Champions
  - Proclamation – Public Works Week
  - Introduction of New Staff - Joyce Kolenky
  - Proclamation – Older Americans Month
- Public Hearing-FY 2017 Budget
- Petitions and Requests
- (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of HVAC Improvements for the Greenbelt Community Center from Shapiro and Duncan Inc. at a Cost of \$355,264 - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Center HVAC Improvements
- Greenbelt Station Detailed Site Plan Revision 09
- Council Reports
- \* Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) – Board of Trustees Ballot
- \* Reappointments to Advisory Groups

**MEETINGS**  
*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 25-29

Monday, April 25 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2017 BUDGET, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.

Tuesday, April 26 at 3:00pm, SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 111.

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GREEN ACES) AND GREEN TEAM, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Works, Capital Projects, Other Funds and Fund Transfers, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, April 28 at 7:00pm, FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Rm 103. On the agenda: Update on FPAB trash pick-ups in Boxwood Village Preserve and Belle Point, Update on condition of 8 foot buffer around gardens, Discussion of National Trails Day June 4, 2016. Does FPAB want to sponsor a community event, Discussion of signage in other FP locations (eg. Plateau Place, Laurel Hill, etc.), Forest Assessment Review

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING

To be held during the Regular Meeting of Council Monday, April 25, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. For more information, please call 301-474-8000. Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter. Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for City information, events and more.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 from 9am- 12 noon

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS, IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE STYROFOAM PIECES, OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

Info: Greenbelt Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

SHREDDING DAY

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union Saturday, April 30th from 9am to 12pm (or until truck is full) Behind the credit union, 112 Centerway

Personal Paper only!

Contaminants, Batteries, Plastic or Binders, Magazines, Newspaper, CDs or Floppy Disks, Phones, Hard Drives, Hanging File Folders, Accordion Files, Cardboard, Binder Clips, Divided Folders, Tyvek/Fedex Envelopes, or Businesses.

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DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

April 30, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

GREENBELT POLICE STATION

550 Crescent Road

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Got Drugs?

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\_disposal/takeback

Artist's Studio Space Available

Greenbelt Community Center

24-hour access. \$180.00/month.

Apply online now through May 1 for the Artist in Residence Program www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee (adult member)

For information call 301-474-8000.

CHILDREN & ANIMALS SAFETY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 FROM 2-3pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center

6101 Cherrywood Lane

FREE workshop for children 5-10. Taught by WAGS volunteers, dog trainer and Greenbelt Animal Control Officer.

- Safer interaction with companion animals (dogs and cats)
- Behavior & distress signals
- When NOT to approach a dog or cat

Call (301) 312-9603 or email wagsgbas@gmail.com to register. Specify number of children/adults attending and ages of children. Funded by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and sponsored by  

WELCOME PACKETS

The City of Greenbelt is now collecting materials for the next round of Welcome Packets! All businesses, organizations, etc are invited to participate. We will need 300 flyers, coupons, brochures or anything else that you would like to have included by Friday, May 6th at 5pm. Please deliver your materials to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Info: 240-542-2026

PACKET STUFFING PARTY

Thursday, May 12 from 6-8pm at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Come out and help stuff 300 new Welcome Packets for new residents. Light Refreshments will be served!



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delegate candidates pledged to vote for one or another of the various presidential candidates.

Democrats

There are no polls to indicate how Greenbelters might vote in the Democratic primary. Since most registered voters in the city are Democrats, that presidential race will be of greatest interest to most city voters. Greenbelt voters in the past have been more liberal in their votes cast than voters statewide. That could bode well for Sanders who calls himself a Democratic Socialist. However, in polls done elsewhere, African Americans have shown strong loyalty to Clinton and Greenbelt has more African American residents than white according to U.S. census data. We'll find out Tuesday evening.

Originally from Park Ridge, Ill., Clinton obtained a law degree from Yale University, where she met her husband, Bill Clinton. Before moving to Arkansas, she worked as an attorney and for a time worked for a committee of Congress. As Bill's wife, she became the first lady of Arkansas and then of the United States, where she made a name for herself by taking an active role in an attempt to enact a universal health care system.

In 2000, Clinton was elected a U.S. senator from New York State, where she served for eight years. In 2008, she ran for president, but was defeated by Barack Obama in the Democratic primaries. Upon his election, President Obama appointed Clinton to be secretary of state and she served in that office for four years. Since then she has been focused on her campaign to be elected president. (hillaryclinton.com)

Sanders has been representing Vermont in Congress since 1990, first as the state's sole member of the House of Representatives for 16 years and then in the U. S. Senate for the past 10 years. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and a graduate of the University of Chicago, Sanders served as mayor of Burlington, Vt., for nine years before entering Congress. Defining himself as a Democratic Socialist, Sanders served much of his political career as an independent, becoming a Democrat only in recent years (berniesanders.com).

Also on the Democratic ballot is Roque "Rocky" de la Fuente of San Diego, Calif., where he was born. Obtaining advanced education at a number of universities in the U.S. and Mexico, he became a successful automobile dealer and businessman. While he has been involved in California politics, he has not held elective office (rocky2016.com).

Democrats have the choice of voting as uncommitted to any candidate. Republicans do not.

Democrats are asked to elect four female and five male delegates to the national party convention. Of the nine female candidates, one is uncommitted and the others divided evenly between Clinton and Sanders. There are 13 male candidates with three uncommitted and the remainder divided between Sanders and Clinton.

Republicans

Nationally, Donald Trump has been in the lead in securing delegates, but it still is possible that he will fail to get a majority of delegates. Ted Cruz is making a strong effort to stop Trump and become the nominee. Together

with some primary victories, Cruz has been working behind the scenes to obtain pledges from uncommitted delegates and from delegates selected at caucuses in some states.

John Kasich is the third candidate still actively running. While he has lagged far behind the other two, it is possible that he could garner enough delegates to prevent either Cruz or Trump being nominated on the first ballot, in which case he would be placed in a key bargaining position or could become the convention choice after committed delegates abandon one or the other leader.

The primary career of Trump, a native of Queens, N.Y., has been that of builder-developer; he has built a number of prominent structures and establishments bearing his name. He also became well known as a reality show host on major network television. He is also an author with a number of best selling books. This is his first venture into politics as a candidate, although he has financially supported numerous candidates in the past (donaldjtrump.com).

Cruz is a senator from Texas, still in his first term. He was born in Canada but raised in Texas, his mother being a U.S. citizen while his father was a Cuban refugee. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and served as Solicitor General of Texas from 2003 to 2008. In 2012, he was elected to the Senate, where he has been able to successfully coalesce enough ultra-conservative support from senators and representatives to block a number of efforts at compromise on legislation, even forcing a government shutdown over appropriations legislation.

Kasich is the current governor of Ohio. Born and raised near Pittsburgh, Pa., he earned a BA degree from Ohio State University. In 1978 he became the youngest person to be elected to the Ohio State Senate. In 1982 he was elected to Congress from Ohio's 12th District. During his 18 years in Congress, Kasich served first on the Armed Services Committee and then the House Budget Committee, eventually becoming chair. In 2000 he left Congress to run for president and when that didn't work out he became a television commentator and businessman.

Former neurosurgeon Ben Carson remains a candidate but has stopped campaigning. Other candidates who have withdrawn from the campaign are Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio and Rick Santorum. All these names, however, remain on the Republican ballot.

There are 42 candidates for delegates of whom many are uncommitted. Three are pledged to Trump, three to Cruz and two to Kasich. There are 16 alternate delegates of whom three each are pledged to Cruz and Trump. Voters can choose three delegates and three alternates.

Classical, Ragtime Featured at UMD

Forem, Ravel and Ragtime will be offered on Tuesday, April 26 at 8 p.m. at The Clarice.

Irina Muresanu and Rita Cloan explore classical music infused with ragtime, American blues, Spanish melodies and gypsy themes, all connected by the works of Maurice Ravel.

Maryland Same-Day Voter Registration

Anyone who wants to vote in the Maryland Presidential Primary Election but missed the April 5 registration deadline can, with proof of address, still register and vote the same day during the early voting period of April 14 to April 21, daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Address changes can also be made at early voting locations. Party affiliation changes may not be made during early voting. No same-day registration will be held on the day of the April 26 primary.

For same-day registration or address change in Prince George's County, go to any of the eight county early voting sites. Preferably bring a driver's license or substitute identification issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. Other documentation that can be offered as proof of address might include a paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government-issued document showing name and new address. Depending on circumstances, a regular ballot or provisional ballot will be issued for voting.

The closest early voting site to Greenbelt is the College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue in College Park. For a complete list of county early voting locations, go to elections.mypgc.us. For additional information call the County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300 .

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, April 21, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic with Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, April 22, John Guernsey plays piano music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cold Hard Cash, a Johnny Cash tribute band, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, Jazz Jam w/Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. John Guernsey plays piano music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Built 4 Comfort offer up R&B and classic rock from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24, please join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Four Shillings Short perform Celtic, Medieval and Renaissance music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday, April 25, New Deal Cafe Board of Directors Meeting from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors welcome.

Tuesday, April 26, The New Deal Laugh-In hosted by CLaw Comedy Productions from 7 to 9 p.m. Adult audience only, please.

Wednesday, April 27, Cajun Music Jam from 7 to 9 p.m. Please bring an instrument and join in the fun.

Thursday, April 28, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW OPEN MIC hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, April 29, John Guernsey plays piano music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Ursula Ricks Project offer up soul and blues music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, John Guernsey plays piano music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Orchester Prazevica perform Slovak and Gypsy Jazz music from 8:30 to 11:30 pm.



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are: Freddie Donald Dickson, Jr., a mechanical, stone, kitchen and bath contractor (dickson4ussenate.com); Ralph Jaffe from Baltimore County, a political science teacher (fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com); Theresa C. Scaldaferri, a government worker who has worked under laws and budgets Congress has mandated; Charles U. Smith, who served the state for 35 years and as Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard to four governors; Violet Staley, a military spouse with 40 years of volunteerism and advocacy (violetstaceyformarylandsenator.com); Blaine Taylor, who has served as a press secretary in campaigns and on Capitol Hill; Ed Tinus, who has "served the public good all my adult life" (united-us.com); and Lih Young, a reformer-activist (at vote-md.org).

Republicans

Of the Republican candidates, only one has held public office. Kathy Szeliga has served in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2011 and is now minority leader, the highest ranking Republican female in the state. She has a degree from Towson State University; she and her husband own a construction company (kathyformaryland.com).

Other Republican candidates are: Chris Chaffee, a state worker, business owner and volunteer (chrischaffeeforussenate.com); Sean Connor, an IT and customer service worker (seanconnor.us); Richard Douglas with U.S. Senate, armed forces, diplomatic, intelligence and law enforcement experience (douglasmaryland.com); John Graziani; Greg Homes (gregformaryland.com); Joseph Hooe, a business owner, John Hopkins graduate and past volunteer firefighter (joehoove.org); Chrys Kefalas, a business leader and a former high ranking official in the Justice Department and Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Robert Ehrlich (chrysformaryland.com); Mark McNicholas who has "built relationships in the business world" (mark4maryland.com); Lynn Richardson, a business owner (richardsonforussenate.org); Anthony Seda (sedaforussenate.com); Richard Shawyer, eight years in the Marines, 22 years in the Air Force and 38 years for the Hecht Company – he also ran for Senate in 2010; Dave Wallace, a businessman (davewallace.us); and Gary Yarrington.

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challenges. The distributors determine how long a film must stay in the theater. Some distributors will not allow other events while their films are running and do not allow rentals and other special events on Friday and Saturday evenings, which is when groups are most interested. And FOGT cannot predict when advertising an upcoming film when, and even whether, they will actually be able to show it.

In addition to films, FOGT is starting to dabble into event cinema, McGrath said, such as the Beethoven Concerto shown on

April 17 and 18. However, even in this area, the most popular events tend to get "gobbled up" by the chain theaters.

FOGT is also working to find the right balance in hosting community groups. McGrath's approach is that holding events such as the snow day movies is worth it, even at a loss, to be part of the community but they must try to avoid any big losses relative to what else could be happening at that time. As Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out, FOGT would have to eat such losses; they are not repaid by the city.



**PICK UP ITEMS FOR FREE**

Restoration Center's Community Outreach Drive

Come & pick up clothing, books, food items & lots more for FREE

**Sunday April 24, noon – 3 pm**

Open space by the Greenbelt Arts Center  
119 Centerway, Greenbelt MD. 20770  
(Opposite the Aquatic Fitness Center)

**DAVID K. HOUSTON**  
**ORGANIST IN CONCERT**

*5 PM, Sunday, April 24, 2016*

Masterworks by J.S. Bach, Dupré, Duruflé, Alain

Free Admission – Donations Accepted –  
Reception Follows

**St. Andrews Episcopal Church**  
**4512 College Ave., College Park, MD**







# Youth Baseball Kicks Off New Season in Sunshine

by Matt Elliott

Fortune smiled upon Greenbelt Youth Baseball and its players on Sunday, April 17, providing bright sunny weather and pleasantly warm temperatures for the opening day doubleheader. Following tradition, the defending major league (player pitch) champions, the Indians, rode a fire truck in the parade from the Municipal Building to McDonald Field, followed by the other major league teams, then the minor league (machine pitch) teams, and then the T-ball teams.

At the field a moment of silence was observed in honor of former coach Mike Mulaney, who died last fall. Each of the five city councilmembers who attended threw out ceremonial first pitches, with Mayor Emmett Jordan leading off.

The first game was a back and forth affair, with manager Greg Fisanich's Indians hosting last year's runners up, the Tigers, managed by Sergio McKenzie. The Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first but the Indians responded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. The teams then traded the lead until the fourth and fifth frames, when the Tigers scored five runs in each inning to take a 16-7 lead. However, the Indians were able to score seven runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to make the score 16-14. Due to time limits, the game was ended at that point.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Chuck Randall's Cardinals were the home team with Bret Howard's Orioles being the visitors. Early on, it looked like the Cardinals' day, as they built a 6-1 lead after the first inning. However, the Orioles were able to outpace the Cardinals the rest of the way, winging their way to a 13-6 victory.

On Monday, April 18, the Cubs prevailed against the Giants in the first game of the year for both teams. The Cubs are managed by Larry King and the Giants are managed by Brian Bailey.



Greenbelt Baseball enthusiasts line up for the opening on April 17.



Councilmember Konrad Herling sends an opening pitch toward the plate during Greenbelt Baseball's opening ceremonies.



Defending champions Indians board the fire truck prior to the parade.

# Story Behind the Team: Lady Angels Basketball

by Jimmika Robinson

Serving as a pillar in the community, the Lady Angels basketball team has given young women in Greenbelt an opportunity to stay productive, engage in a rewarding extracurricular activity and give back to the community. The Lady Angels basketball team was founded in 2010 by Herbert Allen



Lady Angels Captain Jeaneen White looks on as team members via for the basketball

a young woman looking for a place to play basketball. At the time, there was no women's basketball team in Greenbelt, but Allen recognized the opportunity and the advantages that a local team could have for young women.

The Lady Angels is now a semi-professional team that has won four championships playing in the M3 Canadian Basketball League in Montreal. They hold open women's basketball nights on Thursdays from 8 to 9:45 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. In 2012, the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) funded a mentoring program for the team to hold workshops to teach leadership skills and to provide role models to young women in Greenbelt.

The Lady's Angel basketball team will play in tournaments this summer in Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia. One of Allen's major goals is to recruit more young women for the team, continuing the Lady's Angels

legacy with the support of the Greenbelt community.

The community is invited to a benefit basketball game on Saturday, April 30 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. This event will help raise funds to enable the Lady Angels to play in major tournaments and compete for the championship again this year. The team has challenged Greenbelt city employees and perhaps a few city councilmembers to try to beat them.

This event is part of the Explore Your Greenbelt Program sponsored by the Greenbelt News Review, Beltway Plaza and Paradyme Management with the GCF to celebrate its 10th anniversary. This is a series of 14 monthly events and activities that will feature organizations who have received GCF funding.

All are invited to attend to learn about these organizations and how GCF lives out its mission of "nourishing all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods."

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# Homeschoolers Enjoy Various Local Field Trips

by Li'l Dan Celdran

Greenbelt Homeschoolers toured the world headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventist World Church Tuesday, March 29 in Silver Spring. Guests visited the estate of Ellen White, a founder of Seventh Day Adventism. The children learned about White's visions instructing her on health and wellness. There was a hands-on exhibit especially for children. The

group then enjoyed a delicious vegetarian lunch.

Greenbelt Homeschoolers toured Greenbelt Co-op grocery store Friday, April 8 and learned about the importance of "eating a rainbow" (a variety of produce). And participants found various food group items during a scavenger hunt. We even learned of new products to try. Thanks to Greenbelt Co-op and Joe Gareri, Education and Outreach Coordinator, for hosting this fun and informative event.

Master Gardener Trainee Peggy Barott led a "pea planting party" Tuesday, April 12 in a neighbor's yard in which children learned about the life cycle of a pea and planted 2 peas in their containers to take home. Peggy also discussed how peas are pollinated (they are self-pollinating!) and care of



A student uses a hands-on exhibit.

Photos by Li'l Dan Celdran

this legume. She suggested the children create a gardening diary so that dates when peas sprout, grow leaves and peas could be noted and compared. Thank you, Peggy, for your green thumbs wisdom.



Danzson Celdran-Taylor poses with a newspaper.

## Project Yarn Bomb

Residents are invited to contribute to Project Yarn Bomb, a community public art project lead by Greenbelt Artist-in-residence, Rachel Cross. Donate flat, colorful knit and crochet items at the Greenbelt Coop by Wednesday, May 4. Sewing will occur between 6 and 10 p.m. Thursday, May 5 at the Community Center. No experience necessary. The installation will happen from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, during the Green Man Festival. Meet at the Greenbelt Community Center, east entrance.



Rachel Cross leads the project.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT



### Green Man Festival Offers TerraCycle

The TerraCycle symbol looks like an incomplete infinity sign. It is the sign for an item that is not accepted in regular recycling but nonetheless can have a second life. TerraCycle partners with over 30 companies to provide free shipping for a variety of waste products which are then broken down and "upcycled" into an even greater variety of useful items.

The Zero Waste Team table at the Green Man Festival, May 7 and 8, will have more information and bins. The team will have places to recycle such things as Brita filters, packaging and pitchers; any brand toothpaste tubes, caps, toothbrushes, packaging and floss containers; GoGo SqueeZ, Ella's and other snack or baby food pouches and caps; and Clif Bar, LaraBar, Cascadian Farm and all foil lined energy bar wrappers.



## Four Shillings Short Performs At New Deal and Green Man

Four Shillings Short will be playing on Sunday, April 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Four Shillings Short, the husband/wife duo of Aodh Og O'Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California, perform traditional and original music from the Celtic lands, Medieval and Renaissance Europe, India and the Americas. They play a fantastic array of instruments (over 30) including hammered and mountain dulcimer, mandolin, mandola, bouzouki, tin whistles, recorders, Medieval and Renaissance woodwinds, North Indian sitar, charango, bowed psaltery, banjo, ukelele, bodhran, guitar, percussion, vocals and even a krumphorn.

They will also play in Roosevelt Center at the Green Man Festival on Saturday, May 7 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, May 8 from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Touring in the U.S. and Ireland since 1997, Four Shillings Short are independent folk artists who perform 150-200 concerts a year, have released 12 recordings and live as full time troubadours traveling from town to town performing at music festivals, theatres and performing arts centers, folk societies, libraries, house concerts and schools.

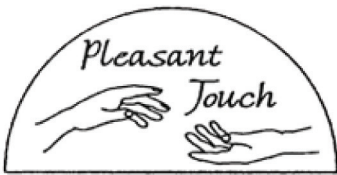
More information can be found at [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com), [greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org/](http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org/) or by calling 301-474-5642.



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Four Shillings Short will play at the New Deal Cafe and in Roosevelt Center.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Assault**  
April 11, 11:07 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A pedestrian was approached from behind by a man who grabbed him by the neck. When the walker turned around, the person fled on foot. He is described as being black, 5’7” tall, 130 pounds, wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and black jeans. The walker was not injured.

**Identity Theft**  
April 8, 4:43 p.m., 7700 block Lakecrest Drive. A person’s personal information was used to access their checking account.

**Theft**  
April 5, 11 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A cell phone and a charger were removed from a book bag at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

**Warrant Arrest**  
April 11, 6:36 p.m., 7700 block Jacobs Drive. Officers responded to a report of several people smoking marijuana and arrested a 19-year-old nonresident for an open warrant with the Prince George’s County Sheriff’s Department. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

**Trespass**  
April 11, 3:12 p.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road. A 16-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for trespass and theft after she was stopped for being a suspected shoplifter and was found to have been banned from Beltway Plaza by agents of the property. She was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

April 12, 6:36 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 25-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found sleeping in the rear hallway of a condominium building in a posted no trespassing area. He was released on citation pending trial.

**Burglary**  
April 7, 5:20 a.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. The door to a

pharmacy was forced open and prescription medicine was taken.

**Vehicle Crime**  
A silver 4-door 2011 Dodge Avenger with Md. tags WVH6943 was stolen from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace on April 9.

A tire and rim were taken from 9000 block Breezewood Terrace on April 7.

Two attempted thefts from autos were reported. On April 9 a woman walking to her vehicle in the 7600 block Ora Glen Drive observed her car door open. She then saw a man exit it, run to a nearby vehicle and leave. He is described as 5’6” to 5’9” tall, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black gloves and a black hat. The vehicle he left in is described as a grey 4-door Lexus bearing a rear paper tag.

A car in the 7200 block Morrison Drive was rifled through on April 10 but nothing appeared to have been taken.

**Sexual Assault Investigation**  
A woman shopping inside Beltway Plaza on April 11 at approximately 9:45 p.m. was approached by a man who engaged her in a conversation. She exited the mall with him still attempting to continue the conversation. They parted ways and she began walking across Breezewood Drive toward a residence. She again encountered the man, who walked with her for a while and then produced a knife. He threatened her, pulled her into a wooded area in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and sexually assaulted her. He is described as being 5’ tall with a light complexion and muscular build, wearing a black T-shirt with a pink emblem on the front, dark pants and grey sneakers with green trim.

A person of interest has been taken into custody without incident and investigation is continuing.

## Barricaded Shooter Shot by City Police

April 18, 10:34 p.m., 6200 block of Springhill Court, officers responded to a report of a subject shooting a gun. Upon arriving on the scene officers located the suspect firing from the third floor balcony of an apartment. The officers were then fired upon. The suspect was subsequently shot by a Greenbelt officer.

The Prince George’s County Tactical Unit then gained entry to the residence and secured the scene, taking the suspect, a 28-year-old Greenbelt man, into custody. The suspect was transported to Prince George’s General Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. He was later identified as Rico Don Rae Johnson, 28, of Greenbelt. No officers or other citizens were injured. The investigation is continuing.

In response to this tragic event, Greenbelt CARES is holding a Community Support Group on Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sprinhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

## Explorations Unlimited Features Diverse Topics

On Friday, April 22 at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited welcomes Fortis College students Srilakshmi Nannaparaju and Martha Del Valle to talk about Periodontal Disease and How to Prevent It. Nannaparaju has a passion for dentistry. A 1994 graduate of dental college in India who moved to the U.S. in 2012, she wants to educate others about the link between oral health and general body health.

Del Valle is a native of Nicaragua who came to the U.S. when she was two years old; she is currently a dental hygiene student at Fortis College. When she visited her country of birth, she saw a desperate need for proper oral health and decided to exemplify change. Her desire is to work in poor countries to share the message of oral health and its importance.

On Friday, April 29 at 1 p.m. Explorations Unlimited welcomes Dr. Eva Griffin who will share The History of Motown through an interactive learning experience utilizing several different activities. Participants will read an article chronicling the rise of Barry Gordy, who created the most successful African American owned and operated record company and business in the United States. Participants will then view Motown 25, a film featuring performances by major Motown singers including Dianna Ross, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and Smoky Robinson. The class will end with the Michael Jackson Dance Party with prizes for all participants.

Griffin, who holds an Ed.D. from George Washington University, has been an educator at the high school and the community college levels for 43 years.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. These presentations will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.



## Tax Season: Watch for Scams

There have been some recent incidents in Greenbelt where individuals have had messages left for them purporting to be from an organization that sounds very much like IRS but isn’t. The following material is from the IRS website and may be read in full using your browser at [irs.gov/uac/Newsroom](http://irs.gov/uac/Newsroom).

The IRS has seen a surge of these phone scams as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things.

“Taxpayers across the nation face a deluge of these aggressive phone scams. Don’t be fooled by callers pretending to be from the IRS in an attempt to steal your money,” said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. “We continue to say if you are surprised to be hearing from us, then you’re not hearing from us.”

“There are many variations. The caller may threaten you with arrest or court action to trick you into making a payment,” Koskinen added. “Some schemes may say you’re entitled to a huge refund. These all add up to trouble.”

This January, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) announced they have received reports of roughly 896,000 contacts since October 2013 and have become aware of over 5,000 victims who have collectively paid over \$26.5 million as a result of the scam.

**Protect Yourself**  
Scammers make unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave “urgent” callback requests through phone “robo-calls,” or

via a phishing email. Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don’t get the money.

Scammers often alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim’s name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

**The IRS will never:**  
Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.

Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

**What To Do**  
If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money and you have no reason to think you owe any taxes, do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.

Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their “IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting” web page. You can also call 800-366-4484.



## The Greenbelt Grasshopper

Have a joke, riddle or work of art you want to share?  
Email [sfits7@gmail.com](mailto:sfits7@gmail.com) (Must be between the ages of 2 to 16).

### Trivia Time:

The New Deal Café opened in 1995..

### RIDDLE IN THE MIDDLE

I was born big, but as the day passes, as I get older, I become small. What am I??

### Joke of the Week

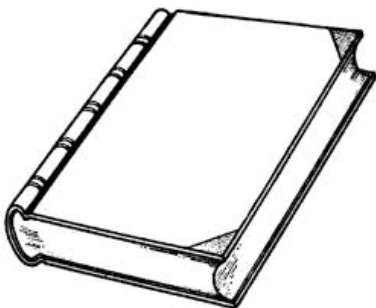
Why did the banana go to the doctor?  
Because it wasn’t peeling well!

Riddle in the middle answer:  
A candle

### This Week’s Activity:

#### Vowel Story

Instructions: Get your family together and make up a silly story. Each person takes turns adding a sentence. Each sentence has to start with a vowel (A, E, I, O, U). Write the title of your story on this book and color



## The Third Annual Cleanup Of Still Creek is a Success

Twenty-three enthusiastic volunteers of all ages collected 24 bags of trash, 14 bags of recyclables, nine tires and about 50 pounds of bulk trash from Still Creek behind the Greenbelt Dog Park as part of Mishkan Torah’s third annual Reverse Tashlich on Sunday, April 10. Tashlich refers to the Jewish New Year custom of throwing crumbs into a stream to symbolically rid oneself of bad habits. In a Reverse Tashlich, volunteers pull trash out of a stream to help clean up the watershed.

The event was part of the Jewish Federation of Greater

Washington’s Sara and Samuel J. Lessans Good Deeds Day. It was also supported by Beaver Dam Creek Watershed Watch Group and the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

The most interesting find of the day was not trash but the skull of a small mammal with two large canines. Volunteers at the site pondered what it might have been. Small dog? Fox? No matter the species, if it were alive today, that critter would be surprised to discover how clean its habitat became after the Reverse Tashlich was completed.



## Serious Crime Rates Down

by James Giese

The number of serious crimes committed in Greenbelt in 2015 was the smallest the city has seen in the past 20 or more years. It is also less than half of the number of crimes committed in 2002 according to information released by the Greenbelt Police Department and contained in the City Manager’s proposed budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

In 2015, the crime rate in Greenbelt dropped by two percent for Part I crimes (those of a most serious nature). While not as great as the 4.9 percent decline in the metropolitan area overall, it reflects the continuing downward trend that has been seen within the city since 2008 and which also has been occurring within the Washington metropolitan area and the country. The one category that bucked the downward trend was that of aggravated assault, with 2015’s number double that of 2014 (53 vs. 26).

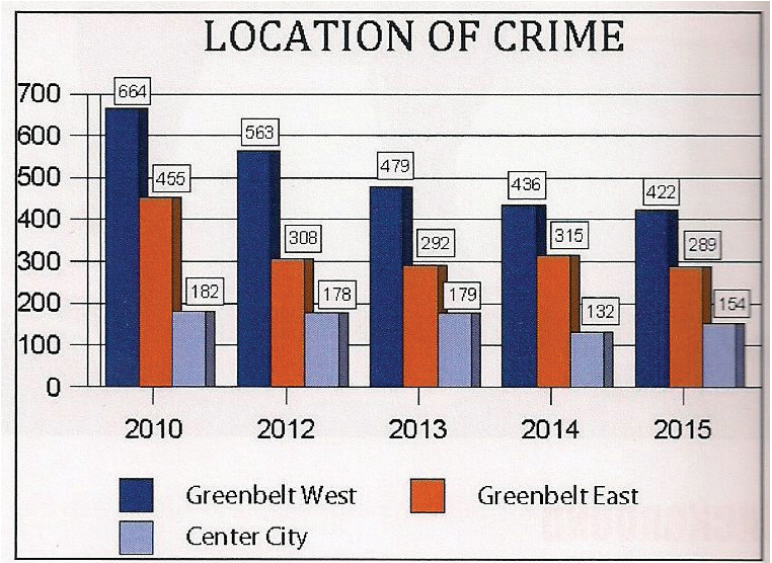
Serious crimes are classified as Part I crimes under uniform crime reporting procedures. They consist of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, all crimes against persons, breaking and entering, larceny, motor vehicle thefts and property crimes. The number of crimes against persons

constituted 13 percent of the total Part I crimes in Greenbelt as compared to 15 percent for the state of Maryland.

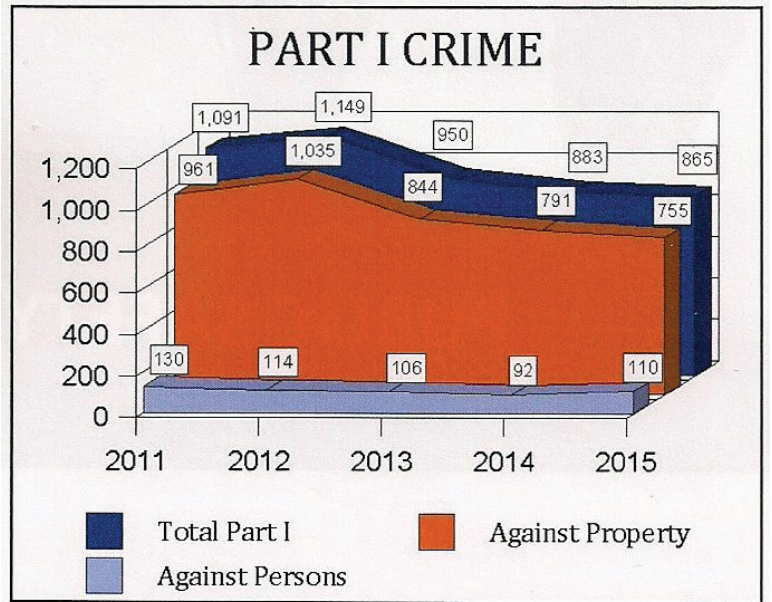
Motor vehicle thefts are down in part, it is believed, by virtue of the installation of better anti-theft devices in newer vehicles.

In the past five years, the number of serious crimes committed in both Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West has dropped by 36 percent. For Greenbelt Center the drop was only half as much, but, then again, only 18 percent of city crime is committed in that sector. Nearly half the city’s crime is committed in Greenbelt West which has, besides the massive Franklin Park apartment complex, a regional shopping center and the Greenbelt Metro station. A third of city crime was committed in Greenbelt East in the past year.

The breakdown of serious crimes by category in 2015 as compared to the peak year of 2001 is as follows: Murder, 1 vs. 0; Rape, 6 vs. 9; Robbery 50 vs. 76; Aggravated Assault, 53 vs. 61; Breaking and Entering, 139 vs. 179; Larceny, 550 vs. 950; Motor Vehicle Theft, 66 vs. 435. Total 2015 crime number was 865 vs. 1,710 in 2001.



Charts from the City of Greenbelt Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget



### Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer, and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. The photos may be black and white or color in the print issue but will be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



## Statistics Show That Traffic Cameras Do Not Reduce Speed

by James Giese

If you have a tendency to speed, stay off Cherrywood Lane or the two speed cameras posted there will catch you. And watch out coming down the hill from Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Greenbelt Road. Those three locations result in the most traffic citations issued by far as a result of speed camera surveillance.

If you like to race through yellow traffic signals, but don’t always quite make it, stay off Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue. That’s where the city’s six functioning red light cameras are located.

The revenue generated for the city by these peeping toms or eyes in the sky is expected to amount to \$780,000. Although that revenue forecast is slightly down from the current year, it still will be enough to equal a four percent offset to city property taxes, the equal of a 6.5 cent tax rate per \$100 of assessed property value.

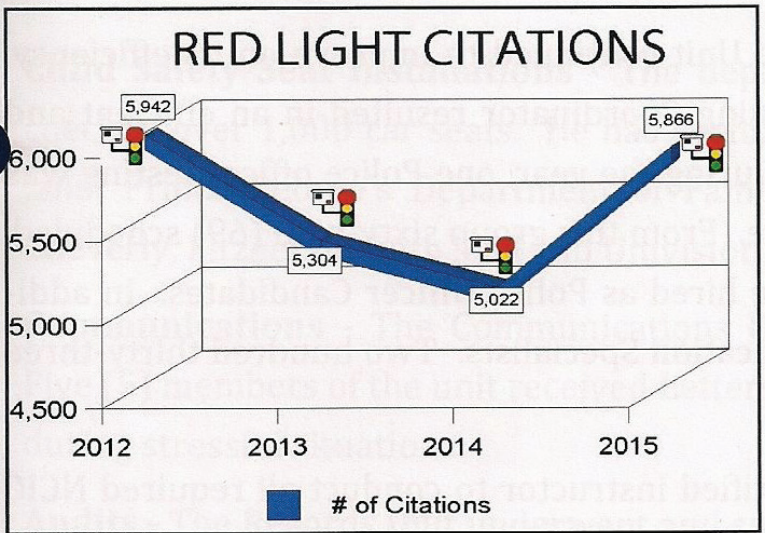
The Greenbelt City Manager’s budget estimates may be conservative. In 2015, citations for both red light and speed violations caught by camera significantly increased over the previous year (see charts). For red light citations, the 17 percent increase reversed what had been a downward trend. Speed camera citations have consistently increased for the past three years with a 39 percent increase. While city officials contend that these devices reduce speed and violations at traffic signals, the budget statistics do not appear to support that contention.

### Red Light Cameras

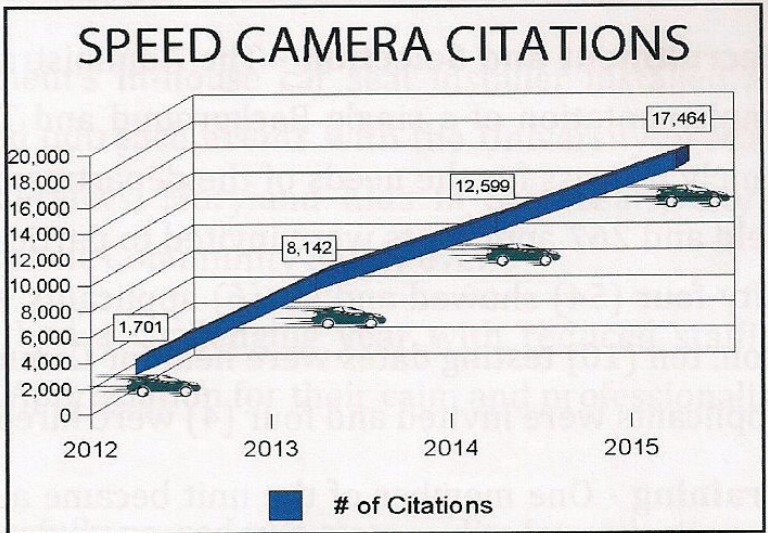
Red light cameras are at eight locations but were operational at just six. These are at Greenbelt Road (Md Route 193) and Mandan Road (both ways), bound Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane and northbound Kenilworth Avenue (Md Route 201) at both Beltway off ramps and at Cherrywood Lane. The light at northbound Kenilworth at Cherrywood Lane yielded the most citations (1,454) but the Kenilworth Avenue camera at the southbound Beltway ramp and the one on Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane were not far behind. The most citations were issued in June and the least in February in 2015.

There are speed cameras in both directions on Greenbelt Road at Eleanor Roosevelt High School with the one for traffic going down the hill yielding 4,953 citations last year, while the one going uphill yielded only 454. The block of Cherrywood Lane between Breezewood Drive and Springhill Drive also has cameras in both directions, and the two rank first (northbound) and third for citations issued. The site yielding the fewest citations is northbound Hanover Parkway near the high school. Surprisingly, although both streets are of the same design, the camera for northbound Mandan Road in the same block as the one for Hanover Parkway reported over four times as many violations. The seventh camera, located on eastbound Crescent Road approaching Northway had 673 violations.

The city received \$616,274 in fines last year for speed camera



For red light citations within the City of Greenbelt, the 17 percent increase in 2015 reversed what had been a downward trend.



Speed camera citations within Greenbelt have consistently increased during the past three years.

Graphs by City of Greenbelt

violations. However, 40 percent of the fines was paid out to Brekford Corporation, the contractor that provides the camera hardware and software. Slightly more than 10 percent was paid for credit card processing fees. This left the city with \$303,348 in net receipts. There was no similar data for the red light cameras.

## How to Improve

1

Attend the Annual Meeting  
7:30pm Thursday May 12  
at the Community Center

2

Vote May 12-13  
Vote for GHI's leadership  
after Thursday's annual meeting, or  
Friday at GHI's office 7-10am & 5-8pm

3

Attend the Candidates' Forum  
Tuesday, May 3 at the Municipal Building  
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# Greenbelt Time Bank Provides An Opportunity to Give Back

by Kyla Hanington

*This article is part of a periodic series profiling the city's recognition groups and how they serve the city.*

Everyone is no doubt familiar with the old adage “It is better to give than to receive.” What many have also experienced is that it is easier to give than to receive. How often in dark times has a well-meaning friend said, “Let me know if you need anything,” and even though someone is needed to clean the bathroom or to bring dinner, it’s a struggle to ask for the help that has been offered? Generally, one does best when being of use. A well-known antidote to periods of low mood is volunteering. How then to receive help gracefully when one is in need?

The Greenbelt Time Bank offers one such solution. “It’s not volunteering,” said Tim Cohen-Mitchell, member of the Greenbelt Time Bank policy circle, at an orientation meeting for the Time Bank held on March 21, explaining that participants “get what they give.” According to Cohen-Mitchell, while the concept of time-banking has been around for hundreds of years, the model Greenbelt Time Bank follows was developed by Dr. Edgar Cahn who started Timebanking USA in Washington, D.C. Cahn, who was instrumental in the creation of the federal legal services program, had a heart attack in 1980 and during his recovery period “hated being dependent,” according to Cohen-Mitchell. Cahn saw that time-banking was a way to earn – as well as to give – assistance.

With the Time Bank, “An hour is the currency of exchange

rather than money,” said Cohen-Mitchell, emphasizing that “all hours are equal. You get an hour for an hour of work,” regardless of the type of work performed. An hour of gardening is equal to an hour of childcare is equal to an hour of oral surgery and so on. Everyone has something to offer and the Time Bank stresses the “importance of developing local capacity to help each other.” Cohen-Mitchell explained that a big part of the Time Bank movement is about building community, saying it’s “not just about services but about getting to know people in the community you might otherwise not cross paths with.”

The Greenbelt Time Bank has been in existence for approximately two years. As of April 4 it had 126 members who have exchanged 875 hours of work.

Using the website or phone app, members of the Greenbelt Time Bank are able to offer services, keep track of hours worked and note hours used. Participants negotiate beforehand issues such as who will pay for materials (e.g., for baking), and clear communication about offers and expectations can help prevent any misunderstandings. The Greenbelt Time Bank holds orientation sessions at a variety of dates and times so that sessions are accessible to as many people as possible. Sessions are held at the Makerspace in Roosevelt Center, at Greenbriar and at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

For more information, email [greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com) or see their website at: <https://www.hourworld.org/bank/?hw=1099>

## At the Library

Weekly Ready 2 Read Story-times: Wednesday, April 27: Ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, April 28: Ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Teen Writers Club: Monday, April 25, 6:30 p.m., Teens (13 to 18 years old). This will be the final meeting of this club for the current school year.

Crazy8! Season 2: Tuesday, April 26: 4 p.m. for grades K to 2, limit 25 students; 5 p.m. for grades 3 to 5, limit 25 students.

Spring 2016 African History and Culture Lecture Series: Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m. African Americans and the Paradox of Military Service: From Bunker Hill to Baghdad.

## Celebrate Maryland Archeology Month

On Thursday, April 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. celebrate Maryland Archeology Month with the Department of Parks and Recreation's Black History Program. Learn the important role archeology plays in uncovering African American history across this region. Hear local archeologists and historians discuss a number of historic African American sites, including a Civil War era black cemetery once buried beneath a gas station; the oldest free African American settlement in the nation and the remains of a slave quarters found within a present-day Prince George's County townhome community.

This free program for age 10 and up will be held at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex at 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover. No reservation is required.

For more information visit the website at [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) or call the Park and Planning Help Desk at 301-699-2255; TTY 301-699-2544.

## Greenbelt Library Hosts Young Readers’ Theater

On Wednesday, April 13 the Greenbelt Library celebrated National Library Week by hosting a Readers’ Theater for elementary school aged children. Participants read Aaron Shepard’s Readers’ Theater script, Which Shoes Do You Choose? This read-aloud program for oral reading practice helps encourage beginning readers to participate and to become more successful readers.



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Readers practice the script on stage.

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## City Employees Retire



**Kent Rowlette (left) served the city for 29 years on the Refuse and Recycling crew.**



**Larry Dodson (left) retired after serving for 27 years, most recently driving the Connection Bus.**

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## Montpelier Herbs, Teas and Arts Festival

On Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. celebrate 20 years of the Montpelier Herbs, Teas and Arts Festival. Stroll among vendors of fragrant herbs and fine arts and browse an assortment of handmade items such as baskets, garden accessories, jewelry and other collectibles.


Sip tea in Montpelier’s elegant east wing or enjoy a tasty lunch while taking in a lecture. Kids can play in the hands-on history playground, create art projects or see an animal exhibit.

The festival will take place at the Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site, 9650 Muirkirk Lane, Laurel. This event is free but there is a charge for a tea and other activities. Tea tickets will be available online beginning April 1. For a schedule of events or to buy tickets, visit [pgparks.com/Montpelier\\_Festival\\_of\\_Herbs\\_Teas\\_and\\_the\\_Arts.htm](http://pgparks.com/Montpelier_Festival_of_Herbs_Teas_and_the_Arts.htm).

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The New Deal Café will hold its annual membership meeting at the Café on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 1:00pm.

Sign-in and payment of annual dues begins at 12:30pm.

Reports will be presented. Elections will be held for 3 positions on the Board of Directors and 3 positions on the Audit Committee.

Please come and enjoy your co-op, discuss whatever ideas you might have, and participate in our mutual establishment. Members can view the complete agenda on our website: [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

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# Cheerful Video Makes a Splash

by Kyla Hanington



Greenbelters gather at the New Deal Cafe for the “Be a Believer” video shoot.

A group of enthusiastic residents recently gathered to record a video encouraging viewers to “remember Bernie Sanders” while voting. Uploaded to Facebook on March 28, the footage of singing, dancing and swimming Greenbelters has been viewed nearly 40,000 times and has been picked up by Mashable and Fox News.

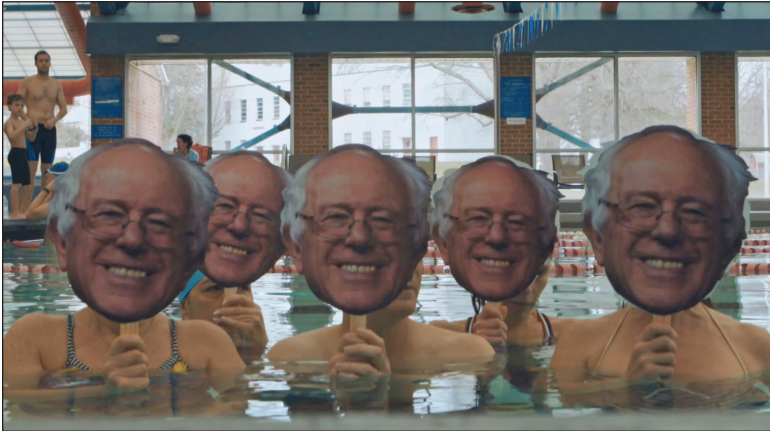
The video, which features the New Deal Café, the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and Roosevelt Center was created by Joe Harris, who said he thought of recording a song in support of the Bernie Sanders campaign approximately six months ago. During a phone interview, Harris said the video was a community effort and that he and the 30 to 40 participants “had a blast making it.” He credited his wife, Hillary Gottemoeller, for having the idea for synchronized swimming Bernie Sanders supporters, an element of the video showed on the March 31 segment of Kennedy Watch on Fox News. Kennedy described Harris and the other participants as Bernie fans who “put together a piece of cheerful propaganda of their doomed icon” and “released this bizarre video in their pinko frenzy for America’s favorite socialist.”

Likewise, Cameron Joseph gave a nod to the swim element in the opening line of his March 30 piece on Bernie supporters for the website Mashable when he wrote that “The latest gem comes from a group of Maryland activists who are feeling the Bern enough to jump in the pool for a synchronized swim session.”

Harris was delighted when Joseph contacted him about the video. “I thought it was incredible,” he said. “Mashable is a well-known website dealing with



Joe Harris created the video which has been picked up by Mashable and Fox News.



Synchronized swimmers take part in the video.

Stills from video courtesy Joe Harris

politics and culture. They get millions of readers a day.” Regarding Fox News’ piece, Harris said “They have to do what they have to do. I didn’t expect them to praise it.” He thought Fox’s coverage “was pretty funny.”



## Wildlife Around Greenbelt



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A beaver at Greenbelt Lake.



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A goldfinch perches on the back of a chair.

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